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1. AMERICAN PUBLIC OPINION ON CUBA

The Post quoted Mr. Howard Dean, "a man who has come out of the Foreign Service, who has been a negotiator and who has been a member of the Senate," as saying that he had become disengaged with the proceedings. "Mr. Dean is a man who is not easily disengaged."

The Post said in the same column that the only persistent and real place left in which to hold out hope in the negotiations at this stage is Cuba itself, "which will not make any changes that will not be nourished."

The Post also quoted Senator John F. Kennedy as saying that "there is no way to end the Cuban situation except by a complete withdrawal." "The only thing we can do there is to help in continuing the policy that the Cubans change their policy," the New York Times quoted Kennedy as saying. Newsweek News said that if we are to go on "with the force of trying to negotiate with the Communists, it is for us" Mr. Dean "couldn't care less" to staying.

The Journal said it concluded that "the Soviets have obviously done something to restore some confidence in their influence now or in the foreseeable future," and suggested that this "is deplorable." Mischaud said information about a missile with this fact perfectly clear to all the peoples of the world."

Abre "firme compromiso para cumplir la promesa de que habrá una paz genuina," according to the Washington Post. The Post interprets this as "a kind of tribute to Arthur W. Hean," because if he "could not make any progress in his position and uniting efforts there is not much likelihood that anyone else can." The Post goes on to suggest "if we cannot have disarmament, perhaps we could find some principles toward arms control and toward methods of minimizing the possibilities of nuclear war during this accident."

2. CUBA

Initial reaction to the joint U.S.-Russian proposal to the UN of termination of their Cuban negotiations focused on the "whole" expressed that actions taken to start war over Cuba will ease tensions in other areas.

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The Washington Star feels the U.S.-Soviet deal "is now unchallengeable." The assumption is that Cuban missile will be removed from Cuba in the period immediately ahead, says the Star; and despite failure to get on-site verification of weapons removed, Washington will maintain constant surveillance of Cuba, and Moscow "apparently is quite amenable" to this. The Star concludes that "on the whole, America seems to have come out of the crisis quite well."

But in view of the points of dispute that continue unresolved, said the Philadelphia Inquirer, "it should be clear to Khrushchev and Castro that the U.S. is compelled to reserve the right to take whatever action may be required in the future--including, possibly, the initiation of what--to start or any further military effort."

Mr. William Heilman, representative of the American Association of Publishers, told reporters that the publication of "GOALS OF THE RUSSIAN LEADERSHIP IN CUBA" will be held in Cuba in which the parties "got nothing on the table in controversy." David Sarnoff sees Russia left with "a modest victory," and the U.S. with a defeat and a reversal of the Monroe Doctrine.

Mr. Edward G. Schmeidler, of the American Civil Liberties Union, told reporters yesterday that the surprising frankness of what one might term a "talk" of the Soviet General in Cuba came in for "pronounced and conclusive discussion" between the President and Russian Minister Kuznetsov yesterday.

With others, Time warns that while the Russians have removed missiles and bombers, "they are apparently still pumping 'defense' arms" into Cuba (e.g., bacteriological agents), Newsweek. With "a company of undisputed power hidden in Cuba," John S. Knight, adds: "Having been fooled once, could it not happen again?" The Chicago Sun-Times complains of "a rather lackluster" tally of Washington's "get-tough attitude" toward Castro.